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Hello Chairman Burns,

Please accept my thanks for your many years of service to our State in the Legislature, both in the House and the Senate, and for your service to our country in the Navy. Your recognition by the Arizona Tax Research Association to legislators who fight for the taxpayer and target wasteful spending in government speaks well of your dedication to serve the citizens of Arizona. That is why I've taken the unusual step by me of writing to you regarding a pending hearing by APS.

Recently I received the notice from APS regarding an upcoming hearing "*(APS's) Application for approval of a permanent rate increase*". Docket No. E-01345A-19-0236"; I felt it necessary to contact you and express my opinion on this matter. As a former bureaucrat serving in the AZ Dept of Commerce for several years and in business in Arizona and other States, I look upon this proposed "rate" hearing with a good degree of skepticism, and believe with the somewhat recent history of APS in their servicing Arizona customers, and their often confusing rate programs, plus their public profit statements – that this proposed "permanent rate increase" is usury. I am not a lawyer, however as a past Corporate Executive in various companies who had some oversight of balance sheets and expenditures, I found the broad range of explanations in their notice for "rate changes" to be as difficult to comprehend as some government A.R.S. statutes are to understand in their design.

I realize this hearing is pending and just wanted to express my opinion on this matter in advance as I believe APS at times disingenuous in their expressed customer service on behalf of the citizens they service.

Chairman Burns, I trust in you to fully explore and extrapolate the impact this permanent rate increase will have on all the citizens of Arizona and especially senior citizens. This Public Service Company's request appears to be excessive - more designed to bolster and increase their profits more than an adjustment of their costs.

Thank you again for your service and consideration in the many matters

before the Corporation Commission.

Respectfully,

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